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SUBJECT: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

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1. IN COURSE OF OCT. 23 CONVERSATION ON UN
MATTERS, ECON COUNSELOR INFORMED FONOFF (PONTOPPIDAN)
OF SUBSTANCE PARA 1 REF A, NOTING THAT U.S.
POLICY ON CHARTER REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.

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FONOFF OFFICIAL APPRECIATED CLARIFICATION.

2. FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID THAT INITIAL SHORT REPORT RECEIVED FROM DANISH UN DELEGATION ON RESULTS OF NEW YORK MEETING OF UNCTAD WORKING GROUPS WAS DISAPPOINTING, PARTICULARLY THE INDICATION THAT MEXICANS WERE REGRESSING AND MOVING TO ALGERIAN POSITION. WE ASKED WHETHER DANES MIGHT NOW BE INCLINED TO DEFINE THEIR POSITION MORE CLEARLY. PONTOPPIDAN THOUGHT NOT, SAYING THAT DANES WOULD HAVE TO MOVE VERY CAUTIOUSLY BECAUSE OF LOCAL POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED. HE NOTED THAT DENMARK CONTINUES, ON UN MATTERS, TO RETAIN TRADITIONAL TIES WITH NORDIC GROUP AND THAT SOME OTHER NORDICS REMAIN VERY SYMPATHETIC TO LDC CAUSES. (FONMIN GULDBERG ALREADY HAS SOME PROBLEMS AFTER BREAK WITH OTHER NORDICS ON PLO REPRESENTATION QUESTION.) HE OBSERVED ALSO THAT CHARTER QUESTION FALLS UNDER PURVIEW OF DANISH PARLIAMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE WHERE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRO-NORDIC AND SOME ANTI-EC SENTIMENT. IN CONSEQUENCE, GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO MOVE VERY CAUTIOUSLY IN DEVELOPING ITS POSITION ON CHARTER ISSUE.

3. FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT GROUP B CAUCUS IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 15 AT GENEVA. HE HOPES THAT CONSENSUS ON FUTURE TACTICS WILL EMERGE AT THAT MEETING WHICH DENMARK WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT.

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